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1. USNATO SHOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING POSITION REGARDING NAC
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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AD HOC GROUP FOR DEALING WITH THE

EASTERN QUOTE FREEZE UNQUOTE PROPOSAL. YOU SHOULD STRESS WITH THE ALLIES THAT THE USG HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT ANY STEP WHICH WOULD CONSTRAIN ALLIANCE FORCES, A PRIME EASTERN OBJECTIVE, WITHOUT ADEQUATE COMPENSATION.

2. AT THE NEXT INFORMAL MEETING, WE BELIEVE THE ALLIES SHOULD APPRISE THE EAST OF OUR SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL WHICH EMERGED FROM OUR CAREFUL STUDY OF IT. IN OUTLINING THESE OBJECTIONS TO ALLIES YOU SHOULD DRAW ON POINTS IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REF (C), OF WHICH POINT F SEEMS TO US MOST IMPORTANT AND SHOULD BE PRESENTED FIRST. (POINT F SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF FACT THAT EVEN IF FREEZE WERE TEMPORARY, NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD STILL BE PREJUDICED.) YOU SHOULD INDICATE ALSO THAT WE WOULD LIKE AHG TO USE THESE POINTS WITH EAST. WE COULD TAKE A SIMILAR LINE IN PUBLIC, NOTING THAT WE HAVE THE EASTERN PROPOSAL UNDER STUDY, SHOULD THE EAST GO PUBLIC WITH IT.

3. FYI. THE ABOVE POSITION RECOGNIZES THE UNLIKELIHOOD OF ACHIEVING ALLIED AGREEMENT EITHER ON FLAT REJECTION OF THE EASTERN PROPOSAL OR ON A SPECIFIC COUNTER-PROPOSAL DURING THE CURRENT NEGOTIATING ROUND. IT WOULD AT LEAST ALLOW WESTERN PARTICIPANTS TO SAY TO THEIR PARLIAMENTS AND PUBLICS THAT THE WEST HAD SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL WHICH HAD BEEN SET FORTH CLEARLY TO THE EAST AND WOULD NOT ALLOW THE EAST TO SAY THAT THEY HAD MADE A REASONABLE PROPOSAL WHICH HAD BEEN REJECTED OUT OF HAND. END FYI. KISSINGER

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